

Master List of Courses

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Course	Description	Prerequisites and Comments	Credits	Satisfies Practice Code
Administrative Law	Organization and procedure of federal and state administrative agencies, boards and bureaus: legislative, executive, and judicial powers; delegation of power; due process; judicial control over administrative agencies; constitutional limitations.			X
Admiralty Law	This course will discuss such issues as carriage of goods by sea; charter parties; personal injury and death; collision; towage, pilotage and salvage. Other issues to be covered include jurisdictional and procedural matters, including jurisdiction over maritime claims, considerations of federalism, forum non conveniens, choice of law, special procedures in admiralty cases, limitation of liability, and maritime liens.		3	
ADR Practice	This course examines the procedural, practical and theoretical aspects of settlement as an alternative to trial. The course will focus upon the following methods of alternative dispute resolution: Arbitration, Early Neutral Evaluation, Mediation, Summary Jury/Bench Trials, and briefly touch upon some other settlement mechanisms. Methods of instruction will include lecture and Socratic method. In addition, students will be required to engage in extensive role playing in order to apply acquired knowledge and concepts to realistic situations involving each of the ADR methods covered.		3	X
Advanced Civil Procedure	The course will review recent developments in civil procedure as well as some of the more troublesome and complicated areas of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, e.g., class actions. Recent U.S. Supreme Court opinions and Congressional actions involving civil procedure will be discussed including the underlying jurisprudential justifications for the rule changes and their probable impact on litigants and attorneys. The course will also focus on any aspects of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure that are contrary to the Federal Rules and the choice of forum issues facing Massachusetts practitioners will be explored.	Civil Procedure I & II	3	

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Advanced Community Development Clinic	Students, supervised by a Clinic attorney, spend the semester representing non-profit organizations in the South Coast area. Work will include drafting corporate documents, preparing state and/or federal filings, conducting legal audits, researching legal issues, and reviewing contracts. Students meet weekly with the Clinic attorney, or more often depending on projects. Students will complete a research/ writing project. During the first class, course framework will be discussed and students will establish work schedules.	Prerequisites: Legal Ethics, Bus Org, CDC Completed 28 hours Permission of Professor	3	X	
Advanced Criminal Law	This course will build on the student's basic knowledge of criminal law by examining more complex areas such as inchoate and accessory crimes. Joint venture, felony-murder and mens rea will also be examined. Emphasis will be given to special problems in Massachusetts' criminal law.	Criminal Law	3		
Advanced Electronic Legal Research	This course will provide an introduction to legal resources on CD-ROM and the Internet and offer advanced training on WESTLAW. The Library's electronic classroom will be utilized for the instruction portion of this course. Readings will be assigned from a selection of materials, including WESTLAW manuals, research guides, and Internet publications. Students will be required to create an electronic homepage on a legal subject of their choice.	Legal Skills I - IV	3		
Advanced Immigration Law Clinic	Students who have completed the full year in the Immigration Law Clinic may be invited to return to participate in an Advanced Clinic during the following school year. Advanced Clinic students will mentor first year Clinic students, and will expand their own knowledge of general and clinic-specific substantive and procedural law as they build upon the lawyering skills they developed in their clinic year. Advanced Clinic students will participate in outreach activities to educate the public about immigration law and will also engage in a substantial writing project. High pass / Pass / Fail.	Immigration Law Clinic I & II Permission of the Professor	3		
Advanced Legal Research	This course is designed to reinforce basic American legal research skills and to introduce specialized methods and sources of legal research in some of the following areas: administrative law; statutory research; legislative history; international law; non-legal sources and computer-assisted research. Students will be taught to evaluate research tools in electronic, print and other formats and to develop efficient research techniques. Research problems and topical pathfinder required. Includes classroom and computer lab components.	Legal Skills I - IV	3		

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Advanced Seminar in Delinquency Law	Students will focus on the elements of juvenile law, as presented in the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines recently promulgated by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. After learning these guidelines and the principles behind them, students will then review Massachusetts statutes and case law to assess whether Massachusetts is in compliance with the National Standards. Students will design a survey instrument to interview practitioners and judges. This will enable students to see the differences that often occur between the law as written and as applied in practice. The course will culminate in a written report assessing the standard of current Massachusetts practice in delinquency.	Juvenile Law is recommended as a prerequisite Permission of the Professor Enrollment limited	3		
Advanced Torts	A study of a number of topics, such as “dignitary” torts and harms to economic interests that are not covered in depth in the basic torts course. Particular emphasis will be placed on Massachusetts law.	Prerequisite : Torts	2		
American Legal History	This course examines U.S. legal developments from the Declaration of Independence to the present. The survey will focus on the role of lawyers in society, the relationship of law to industrialization, the legal effects of slavery and the Civil War, the transformation from a free-market economy to a regulatory state, and the development of family law.		3		
Anatomy of a Homicide	This course is designed to provide the student with an overview of the medical and legal aspects of homicide investigation, and will be co-taught by a lawyer and a forensic anthropologist, both have had experience with homicide investigations. The course will focus on specific legal and medical techniques and skills brought to bear in the investigation. These special topics will be presented by specialists in the various fields. Real and contrived case files will be used. The course culminates with an all day mock murder trial. Two to four externships will be available to students for an additional one credit. These law clerks will work in the homicide division of the Bristol County District Attorney’s office and work directly with the attorney on active cases.	Criminal Law	2	X	
Animal Rights Law	This course will address the issue of whether certain legal “rights” should be bestowed to animals, by exposing students to a wide range of animal welfare and state legislation issues affecting the legal protection of both domestic and wild animals. The course will also study some existing legal issues relating to animals, such as injuries caused to and by animals, the loss of animal companionship, animal cruelty, and veterinary malpractice.		3		

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Appellate Advocacy	The bulk of the course is devoted to brief writing and oral argument techniques. The course provides an overview of appellate procedure.	Legal Skills I - IV Permission of Professor	3	X	
Bill of Rights in Contemporary Society	The course will examine the origins of the Bill of Rights and how the various Amendments have evolved in their interpretations essentially through decisions of the United States Supreme Court. The course will place special emphasis on how events since 9/11 have curtailed or abridged rights of citizens ostensibly guaranteed by the Bill of Rights; e.g. via the “Anti-Terrorism Act” (in its various provisions and permutations.) One theme of the course will explore the issue of the degree to which citizens and foreign nationals must or may receive differential treatment with respect to civil liberties. Recognizing that there are relevant differences and distinctions between citizens and foreign nationals that may justify differential treatments in some settings, the course will seek to explore whether these differences – in theory and practical impact – are more limited than is currently assumed in certain quarters today: whether, in certain situations, the fundamental human rights extended by the Constitution – and especially the Bill of Rights – should be extended to all persons on whom the United States imposes legal obligations or strictures – as a matter of human dignity without regard to their citizenship status. Finally, the course will seek to challenge the frequently prevailing practice in which each provision of the Bill of Rights is chopped up into discrete chunks of text with each examined in isolation. An alternative approach will seek to offer an integrated overview of the Bill of Rights – a conspectus that will seek to explore how its myriad provisions related to each other and those of the original state constitutions from which, largely, they were originally drawn.	Constitutional Law I & II	3		

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Bioethics	This course explores the relationship between modern medical technology and the law. Subjects include genetic engineering, surrogate motherhood, reproductive technologies, AIDS, proxy decision-making, right to refuse treatment, living wills, and organ transplants. Special attention will be given to recent Constitutional, statutory and regulatory developments, with consideration of potential conflict with religious perspectives.		3		
Business Organizations	This course examines the basic forms of business organizations. The law of sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations will be explored. Topics include the authority and responsibility of partners and the relationship between corporate directors, officers, shareholders and creditors. The course will also cover the principles of agency law.	Required	3		
Business Torts	Topics include fundamentals of unfair business practices; the elements of protection provided by trademarks, copyrights, and patents; regulation of deceptive and predatory problems concerning infringement of intellectual property interests.		3		
Chapter 93A: Massachusetts Consumer Protection Law and Remedies	This course will focus on Chapter 93A, with a thorough examination of several highly litigated substantive areas: Motor Vehicle Complaints; Debtor-Creditor Disputes; Business Disputes; Insurance Violations; Real Estate Transactions; and Litigant Conduct. The course will also focus on Initiating Litigation: Legal Grounds for a Chapter 93A Claim, Procedural Issues, and Defenses and Exemptions. The course will include drafting assignments.	Torts I & II	2		
Civil Procedure I & II	Introduction to procedural rules governing non-criminal disputes. Focus on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including jurisdiction, service of process, venue, parties, pleading and discovery, the right to jury trial, the trial process, appellate review, and res judicata.	Required	5		
Commercial Law	A study of the law of sale and lease of goods, negotiable instruments, and bank deposits, based primarily on Articles 2, 2A, 3, and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code.	Contracts Required	4		

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Community Development Clinic	Students, supervised by a law school professor, spend one semester representing non-profit organizations in the South Coast area. Work will include drafting corporate documents, preparing state and federal filings, conducting legal audits, researching legal issues, and reviewing contracts. Students may also have the opportunity to research new developments in the law and make presentations to the boards of directors and employees of nonprofit organizations. Clinic students attend a weekly two-hour seminar that will provide training in the substance of nonprofit law; exercises to hone their legal drafting and public speaking skills, and opportunities to reflect and consider ethical and day-to-day issues that arise in practice. A mandatory orientation session will be held on one evening during the first week of school and in an extended class session at the first class. Students will average approximately 10 hours each week in their clinic work.	Corequisite: Legal Ethics & Business Organizations Completed 28 credit hours Permission of Professor Enrollment limited to 7 students Preference given to Evening Students	3	X	
Computer Law	This course presents the legal issues associated with the development, use, and abuse of computer technology, including software proprietary rights, contractual and employment issues, tort and criminal standards, and evidentiary problems.		3		
Conflict of Laws	This course examines the question of the extra-territorial effects of law through a treatment of the concepts of domicile and jurisdiction, the enforceability of foreign judgments, and various choice-of-law theories in the multistate and multinational context and their applications to tort, contract, property and family law.	Civil Procedure I & II	3		
Constitutional Law: The Fourteenth Amendment as an Instrument of Change	This course will focus on the history and development of the Fourteenth Amendment with special emphasis on the recent debate on Affirmative Action, federalism and the nuances of section 5 power. A paper will be required. The course will provide the student with a more comprehensive grasp of Fourteenth Amendment law than provided in the regular survey course.	Constitutional Law I & II	3		

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Constitutional Law I & II	The history of U.S. Constitutional interpretation and current doctrine concerning judicial review, the federal-state system, the Commerce Clause, separation of powers, freedoms of speech and religion, due process and equal protection. Special attention is given to current controversies regarding the "Right of Privacy" and affirmative action.	Required	6		
Construction Law	This course will deal with all aspects of Massachusetts' private and public construction contract law. Bidding of a contract, award of a contract, claims, remedies, procedures, insurance and surety requirements and the Massachusetts lien law will be examined. Students will analyze and review construction contract problems and will be required to participate in classroom discussions.	Contracts	3		
Consumer Bankruptcy	Introduction to Debtors rights and Creditors remedies, including state collection law. Primary focus on individuals in bankruptcy, including Chapters 7, 12 and 13. The course will also deal with Chapter 11 as it pertains to individuals.		4		X
Consumer Law	Regulation of consumer sales practices and contracts. Coverage includes consumer remedies for common law fraud and breach of warranty, state and federal regulation of unfair and deceptive acts, credit practices, and debt collection.		3		X
Contracts	Study of the development of common law concepts of enforceable promises. Encompasses the basic principles controlling the formation, performance, and termination of contracts. Includes the doctrines of offer and acceptance, consideration, conditions, breach, damages, third-party beneficiaries, assignments, and the Statute of Frauds.	Required	4		
Criminal Procedure	Limitations placed on police practices by federal and state constitutions and statutes. The course will focus on the law of search and seizure, pre-trial identification, electronic surveillance, the right to confrontation, the right against self-incrimination, and the right to counsel, including the application of the Miranda rule.	Required	3		
Criminal Law	A study of the substantive criminal law concentrating on the elements of the common law crimes and defenses.	Required	3		

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Dispute Resolution: Formal and Informal	Using hypothetical cases, students will study the theories behind and practice implementing the following lawyering skills: Interviewing, Counseling, Facilitating, Negotiating, Mediating, and Arbitrating. More than half of class time will be spent doing simulations of the various skills being studied, based on the hypothetical cases.		3	X	
Domestic Violence Law	This course explores the legal, historical, sociological, and cultural aspects of battering. Topics include restraining order law and process, criminal law, family law, and torts. Students will also consider the social and legal reform efforts on behalf of battered women, including efforts on the federal level.		2		
Drafting Wills and Trusts	In this course, students will get hands-on experience in the drafting of wills and trusts.	Trusts & Estates	3	X	
Education Law	This course will concentrate on legal issues surrounding public education at the primary and secondary levels. It will examine the effect, on the public school system, of issues such as: race, religion, disabilities, finances, freedom of expression, vouchers, teachers' pay, MCAS, etc. The course will also emphasize dispute resolution opportunities under both Federal and Massachusetts Law.		2		
Elder Law	This course will provide students with a survey of the issues facing elderly clients, including medicaid and medicare programs, nursing home admission, and the probate and estate planning.		2		
Election Law	Part I of this course will examine the history, structure, application and constitutionality of campaign finance laws. An examination of this constantly changing area of the law where the constitution and regulatory interests constantly collide includes the topics: disclosure, regulation of corporations and unions, contribution limits, the role of issue advocacy in political campaigns, political party activities, public funding of campaigns, the role of the FEC, criminal enforcement of campaign finance laws, and campaign finance reform. Focus on the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, and the Bipartisan Reform Act of 2002. Part II of this course will provide an overview of legal issues surrounding voting rights, initiatives, and redistricting.		3		

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Employment Discrimination	This course will survey the law of employment discrimination and wrongful termination of employment. The developing body of federal employment discrimination statutory and case law will be explored, with attention also to Massachusetts law. This course will examine the Massachusetts common law of wrongful termination of employment. The course will provide a good introduction to this area of law for students who anticipate representing plaintiff- employees and/or defendant-employees, as well as advising businesses on employment-related issues.		3		X
English Constitutional History	This course will examine the origins and evolution of the English Constitution while it will examine Roman, Celtic and Saxon antecedents and the primary issues of the modern era, it will focus upon the seminal medieval period. It is from the Norman Conquest (1066) to the Restoration and revolution (1660-1689) that the foundation of the English Constitution (as we know it today) was established. Among the primary topics to be considered will be the Roman descending concept of authority, divine right monarchy, the Germanic concept of kingship, the judicial reforms of Henry II, and Magna Carta.		3		
Entertainment Law	This course is an introduction to the fundamentals of entertainment law practice, including contracts from the film, television, publishing and music industries, general intellectual property rights and the torts that may arise out of intellectual property.		3		
Environmental Law	A basic course covering a broad spectrum of environmental issues, major environmental statutes and legal doctrines that apply to environmental controversies. This course will be a case study of the issues, policies, procedures, and resolutions of environmental matters facing society today.		3		X
ERISA - Pension & Welfare Benefits	This course covers the Employees Retirement Income Security Act including who is an considered an employee under the Act; welfare and employee benefit plans; fiduciary duties imposed by the Act; claims procedures; standards of judicial review; preemptive effects on state law; administering, amending and terminating covered plans; the "Deemer clause," the "savings clause" and "relates to" analysis; and available remedies under the act.	Federal Income Tax	3		
Estate Planning	Examination of the problems confronting the drafter in providing for the intelligent and effective disposition of	Trusts & Estates	2		

	<p>property. The course focuses on the considerations that bear on the resolution of those problems. Particular emphasis is given to the employment of various types of trust, the administrative problems of fiduciaries and the impact of federal income, gift and estate taxation.</p>				
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Estate Taxation	The course examines the tax consequences of transferring property at death by intestacy, by will, and will substitutes and during life by gifts. Additional topics include Generation Skipping Transfer taxes, retained interests, retention of powers and life insurance. The course material will be coordinated with the estate planning course.	Trusts & Estates	3		X
Evidence	Study of the rules and standards regulating the admission of evidence at trial. Topics include competency of witnesses, qualification, examination, cross-examination, and impeachment of witnesses, objections, waivers, offers of proof, relevancy, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, the opinion rule, expert testimony, privileges, judicial notice, and demonstrative evidence.	Required	4		
Family Law	A survey of the law of marriage, marital property, marital rights and duties, divorce, separation, annulment; law of parent and child; law of guardian and ward; contract and tort rights and liabilities of infants and married women; domicile and jurisdiction for divorce; and constitutional limitations and requirements.		3		
Federal Courts	Examination of judicial federalism, including such topics as the bases for the exercise of federal judicial power; original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court; the Eleventh Amendment; suits in federal court against state officials; restrictions on federal judicial power such as the various abstention, equitable restraint and anti-injunction doctrines; Supreme Court review of state court decisions; habeas corpus; removal; federal question jurisdiction; and federal common law.	Prerequisite: Civil Procedure I & II	3		
Federal Income Tax	A study of the nonbusiness taxpayer, characteristics of income, inclusions and exclusions, personal deductions, exemptions and credits, sales and other dispositions of property, capital gains and losses. A study of the gross income and deductions of the business taxpayer, including expenses and losses incurred on business or profit seeking activities, bad debts and worthless securities, depreciation, amortization, investment credit and depletion.		4		X
Field Placement Program One Credit	Students not presently enrolled in a clinic or the Field Placement Program may volunteer at least five hours each week with a lawyer who practices in a substantive area covered in a course in which the student is enrolled. The professor and student will meet several times during the semester to discuss issues of law arising in the placement. This credit option is appropriate for students who have	Corequisite: Enrollment in subject-matter course related to		X	

	<p>already taken the Field Placement Program, a clinic, or who do not have the time to devote to those classes but would like to acquire real-life law office experience while still in law school. There is no limit to the number of times a student may enroll in this credit option, nor is there an enrollment limit, but it is contingent on the availability of both an appropriate placement and agreement of the course professor.</p> <p>Pass/Fail.</p>	<p>placement</p> <p>Completed 28 credit hours</p> <p>Permission of the Professor</p>			
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Field Placement Program	<p>Law students may enroll in one of over 50 placements in a public or private law office, or with a judge in chambers. In addition to attending classes, students work in their placement under the supervision of a judge, practicing attorney or other appropriate expert, gaining practical skills in a real-world setting. In the judicial placement students observe a judge in chambers, conduct research, and discuss various aspects of the judge's cases and other issues concerning the judiciary. The Professor will communicate regularly with the judge about the student's progress. The Placement concludes with a formal evaluation meeting between the judge and the student. Judges also conduct written evaluations of the student's work. For the 3-credit option, students must spend at least 150 hours during the semester at the office; for the 4-credit option, the number of hours is 200. In class, students discuss their experiences and focus on various ethical issues they encounter in practice. Class discussions may also encompass setting up a law office and the theory and practice of legal skills such as interviewing, counseling, negotiating, mediating, etc.</p> <p>High Pass/Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Corequisite: Legal Ethics</p> <p>Completed 28 credit hours</p> <p>Enrollment limited to 12 students</p> <p>For judicial placement, GPA must be over 78 and a writing sample must be submitted</p> <p>Permission of the Professor</p>	3 or 4	X	
Franchising Law	<p>The franchising of business opportunities is a major form of economic activity in the United States and the world. It has enabled vast numbers of people to acquire and develop businesses which they would not have had the opportunity to acquire without the structure and training which are significant components of the franchise system, as well as a source of supply; and provided franchisors with needed capital, expanded markets and talent. At the same time, franchising has been problematic, often dominated by aggressive franchisors, which necessitated the federal government and many states to intervene with regulations. This course will introduce the student to franchising as a major component of our domestic economic system and discuss not only the economics but also the legal environment in which franchising, as an industry, functions.</p>	<p>Prerequisite: Contracts & Torts</p>	3		

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Health Law	This course will survey the rapidly evolving field of health law issues. The course will include a study of the laws and regulations applicable to licensing and assuring the quality of health care organizations. Anti-trust laws as they apply to medical organizations will be reviewed as well as medical ethics and medical liability issues.		2		
History of Civil and Human Rights	This course concentrates on the origins of individual rights, the legal development of those rights, and their status in current world society. Focus is on the historical evolution of the law of individual rights. The grade will be based on a research paper. Students will choose a topic, develop a thorough understanding of the legal development and current status of the topic and present a comprehensive report.		3		
Immigration Law	An examination of the constitutional, statutory and administrative elements of immigration law. Topics include the immigrant and non-immigrant visa system, political asylum and refugees, exclusion and waivers of exclusion, deportation and relief from deportation and acquisition and loss of United States citizenship. Also includes appeals to administrative agencies and federal courts.		3		X
Immigration Law Clinic I & II	This clinic provides legal assistance to indigent clients living in the South Coast area in the following primary areas: deportation defense, family reunification, asylum claims, and naturalization assistance. The clinic will also provide students intensive training in both the substance and the practice of immigration law, as well as the practical skills necessary to become competent and ethical attorneys. The clinic is a full year course.	Corequisites : Legal Ethics & Evidence Completed 28 credit hours Enrollment limited to 7 students Permission of the Professor	6	X	

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Independent Legal Research	<p>The course provides individual students with the opportunity to complete an independent legal research and writing project under the supervision of a full- time faculty member with expertise in the area studied.</p> <p>High Pass/Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Complete 2d year</p> <p>Permission of Full-Time Professor</p> <p>Permission of Associate Dean required for second I.L.R.</p>	2 or 3		
Insurance Law	<p>A survey of insurance law and the insurance contract. Topics include consideration of insurance in the public interest, protection of property and person, selection and control of risk, exceptions, warranties, representations, concealment, and the making, enforcement, and termination of the insurance contract, and the rights incident thereto.</p>		3		
Intellectual Property	<p>A review of the legal protection of artistic, technical, and business creativity through the law of copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets.</p>		3		X

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International Business Transactions	<p>This course focuses on international business transactions within the current global context by stressing its three aspects: the international framework, both private and public that affects cross-border aspects of such contracts including the legal regulations and disciplines, practices, and institutions governing cross-border exchanges; the business and commercial aspect of the transaction, be it sale of goods, services, licensing, franchising, or acquisitions of business across borders; and finally, the transaction itself, including agency and distributorship, licensing, joint venture, and mergers and acquisitions in the international context. The emphasis is on the formation and enforcement of agreements between private commercial parties across borders, and on issue spotting and problem solving in the international business context. We will also engage in discussions related to current events, debates and policy surrounding globalization. However, the course is not one in international taxation, international relations, international finance or a general course on international business or public policy. The classes will be in the form of lectures, discussions and problem solving groups based on the texts and reading assignments provided. Additionally, there will be on-going exercises in drafting and consulting on typical problems prevalent in international business transactions.</p>		3		
International Law	<p>This introductory course examines five areas of international law in depth: the process by which international law is made and developed; the process by which international law becomes a part of the law of the United States; the international law doctrine of jurisdiction of states; the doctrine of sovereign immunity in United States law; and the application of international human rights law in the United States courts. The student should gain an ability to work with international law issues as they arise in the mainstream law practice.</p>		3		

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Issues in Massachusetts Tort Law	This course is a detailed, practice-oriented study of selected topics in Massachusetts Tort Law. The approach to the subject will be multidisciplinary, focusing both on substantive tort law and on issues of evidence and procedure that affect tort practice. The topics to be studied include products liability, medical malpractice, social host liability, statutes of repose, and governmental liability under the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act and related statutes. The students will participate in role-playing and drafting exercises (e.g., arguing summary judgment motions, drafting jury instructions or client letters).	Torts I & II	3	X	
Jurisprudence	This course examines Anglo-American philosophy of law. Topics include the debate between the natural law tradition and legal positivism, the relation between law and morality, Critical Legal Studies, the rule of law and its relationship to justice, rights-talk and punishment. Contemporary authors like John Rawls, John Finnis, and Ronald Dworkin will be considered.		3		
Juvenile Law	This course focuses on the role of the juvenile justice system in the United States, with particular emphasis on how the state defines and controls deviant behavior by juveniles.		3		
Labor Law	A study of employee-union-management relations as regulated by the National Labor Relations Act. Issues include the organizational process, representation elections, collective bargaining, and strikes and picketing activities.		3		
Land Use Regulation	A basic review of the current status of land use regulations and their development, exploring the areas of zoning, subdivisions, and conservation law. A “hands on” study beginning with the enactment of local zoning and subdivision regulations, through the representation of petitioners before local boards to the appeal process. The course will cover recent cases, state and federal, involving “regulatory takings” and the consequences thereof. Course will equip practitioners to recognize land use issues and properly advise clients as to best procedures to achieve land use goals.	Property I & II	3		
Landlord / Tenant Law	This course will focus on the historical development of landlords’ and tenants’ property rights; creation and termination of tenancies and other rights to occupy both residential and commercial premises and the mechanics and strategy of litigating a landlord/ tenant dispute.	Property I & II	2		

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Law and Literature	A consideration of what relation, if any, exists or should exist, between great works of verbal art and imagination and the profession of law. What is the relevance of the study of literary text to the law? What is the difference between what is conveyed by a poem or a novel and what is conveyed by a legal brief of judicial opinion? The authors to be read may include Shakespeare, Dickens, Hardy and Frost. The text may not be long but will require sober and intense examination. Frequent short writing assignments, in and out of class, are intended to encourage a habit of delicacy and tact in the use of words.		3		
Law Review I, II, & III	<p>This course is a writing course associated with the selection of the editorial board of the Symposium Law Review. The subject matter of the course will change depending on the subject matter being presented in Law Review.</p> <p>Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Permission of the Faculty Advisor</p> <p>By invitation</p> <p>GPA of 80 required</p> <p>The course is scheduled Spring, Summer and Fall and all three must be taken.</p>	3		

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Legal Clerking at the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and Former Yugoslavia	<p>This program offers a unique opportunity to work on-site at one of two locales: the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), located in the Hague, Netherlands; or the ICTR for Rwanda, located in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, whose appeals chamber sits in The Hague. Typical work will include investigating pending cases and drafting indictments in settings that are principal focal points for the current development of international law. Students will work with members of the Office of the Prosecutor for approximately 30 hours per week. They will also attend classes to compliment their real-world experiences, which may include training by professional staff from the Office of the Prosecutor. Students will maintain regular journal entries to be reviewed by their supervisor/professor and that may also serve as a basis for classroom discussion. Among other things, the supervisor/professor will provide work assignments, feedback on work product, exposure to various aspects of lawyering, and mini-lectures. Students will prepare an independent research paper of approximately 15 pages in length that will be presented in The Hague and reviewed by the supervisor/professor. Evaluation will be based on written and oral performance and on the final written project.</p> <p>Pass/Fail</p>	Prerequisite: International Law Completed 60 credit hours Permission of the Professor	12	X	
Legal Ethics	<p>This course examines the moral and legal responsibilities of lawyers and judges in the practice of their profession. The A.B.A. Model Code and Model Rules are used as a guideline in considering ethical dilemmas that confront the conscientious professional. The course focuses on the lawyer-client relationship, the attorney's role as an officer of the court, and how professional requirements can be integrated with other obligations as citizens, family member, friend, and believer.</p>	Required	2		

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Legal Services Clinic	Students, supervised by the Director of the New Center for Legal Advocacy, spend one semester providing legal services to indigent clients in the New Bedford area. Cases range from family law to landlord-tenant law to government benefits. The Legal Clinic is located in downtown New Bedford in one of the city's legal services offices, the New Center for Legal Advocacy. Clinic students average approximately 20 hours per week on clinic work. Students are responsible for substantial handling of their clients legal matters.	Corequisites : Legal Ethics & Evidence Completed 28 credit hours Permission of Professor Enrollment limited to 4 students	6	4	
Legal Skills I	This course aims at developing students' legal research and writing abilities through writing exercises and research topics related to the drafting of memoranda.	Required	3		
Legal Skills II	This course continues the development of students' legal research and writing abilities through writing exercises and research topics related to the drafting of memoranda.	Legal Skills I Required	3		
Legal Skills III	This course continues the development of students' legal research and writing abilities through writing exercises and research topics related to the drafting of memoranda.	Legal Skills I & II Required	3		
Legal Skills IV	This course continues the development of students' legal research and writing abilities through writing exercises and research topics related to the drafting of memoranda.	Legal Skills I, II & III Required	2		
Litigating a Medical Malpractice Case	This course is designed to provide hands-on preparation of a medical malpractice or personal injury case. Students will be assigned a case and prepare it for trial throughout the semester. At the end of the semester the students will have developed and created a "form book" for later reference when in practice.	Torts I & II	3	X	
Litigation Ethics	This course will emphasize the practical application of ethics principles to common real-world practice scenarios. Designed to be a primer on ethical conduct in the courtroom, the course will examine topics in both the civil and criminal spheres of practice. The final exam will be a paper approximately 7-10 pages in length. Regular attendance and preparation will be required.	Legal Ethics	2		

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Massachusetts Criminal Practice: Suppression of Evidence	This course focuses on the substantive and procedural aspects of suppression of evidence in criminal cases in Massachusetts. Students will study the procedural rules governing the presentation of suppression motions, as well as Massachusetts case law regarding search and seizure, admissions and confessions, and identifications. Students will prepare and argue motions to suppress evidence in hypothetical cases. As a result of taking this course, students will understand how to effectively prepare and oppose motions to suppress.	Criminal Procedure	3	X	
Massachusetts Criminal Practice	This course is a primer on the fundamentals of practicing Criminal Law in the Superior and District Courts of Massachusetts. The course will survey the cycle of complaints and indictments and examine the procedural and substantive rules for each step in the process. Case studies will be utilized to illustrate common problems and questions that new lawyers face. As a result of taking this course, students will appreciate the roles and duties of lawyers practicing in the criminal courts of Massachusetts.	Criminal Procedure	3	X	
Massachusetts Civil Practice	This course involves a survey of civil practice in the several departments of the Massachusetts trial court and before various administrative bodies. The jurisdiction of these courts and agencies will be studied together with the procedures involved in the processing and litigation of typical cases in these forums. Attention will also be given to the appellate process in Massachusetts. Students will be exposed to a sampling of the documentary forms used in a variety of civil cases.	Civil Procedure I & II	3	X	
Massachusetts Evidence	A survey of the current state of the law of evidence in Massachusetts. Because Massachusetts has no evidentiary code of its own, the familiar analytical outline of the Federal Rules of Evidence will serve as the template for studying Massachusetts evidentiary law. The course will note areas of broad similarity between federal and Massachusetts principles but will examine constitutional provisions, statutes, and rules of court that differ significantly from the corresponding federal provisions. The emphasis throughout will be on issues of practical importance: those evidentiary problems most frequently encountered in the courtroom.	Evidence	3		

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Massachusetts Practice	This course addresses both civil and criminal practice and procedures in Massachusetts. Primary emphasis is on the Massachusetts Superior and District Court, but there will be some consideration of the rules of the Appeals and Supreme Judicial Court. The course includes the jurisdiction of the various Massachusetts courts, personal jurisdiction, commencement of actions, service of process, use of attachment and trustee process to secure assets, responsive pleadings, discovery, pre-trial methods to terminate litigation, judgments, and methods to enforce judgments. The four credit version of the course will also cover selected non-judicial rules including Massachusetts real estate practice, probate, trusts, and other similar areas	Civil Procedure I & II	3 or 4		
Massachusetts Worker's Compensation	The course is designed for all those who plan to work in a general practice and need to know how to file a workers' compensation claim, how such claims are adjudicated, and the relevant case law affecting the outcome of such claims. It is not a general survey course. Instead, it focuses on the statute which governs workplace injuries in Massachusetts and upon case law which has interpreted important provisions of that statute. Students will become familiar with major provisions of the statute. In addition, they will get "hands on" training: they will learn how to calculate workers' comp benefits, how to fill out a workers' comp claim form, and how best to present a claim to the administrative agency responsible for deciding such claims.	Torts I & II	3	X	
Medical Malpractice	A detailed study of all aspects of medical malpractice litigation including problems of proof and the role of the expert witness; hospital liability problems; the function of hospital medical staff; hospital and medical staff by-laws as they relate to and control the relationship and performance of the hospital administration and the medical staff.	Torts I & II	2		

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Mock Trial Competition	<p>The Association of Trial Attorneys (ATLA) sponsors the yearly national mock trial competition to inspire excellence in trial advocacy through training and education for students. This is an exceptional opportunity for students to develop and practice their trial advocacy skills before distinguished members of the bar and bench. The mock trial cases are always civil cases and tend to deal with products liability, personal injury, or medical malpractice/ negligence issues. This course will allow students to develop skills in case preparation, opening statements, use of facts, the examination of lay and expert witnesses, and closing arguments. The selection of students will be done by both ATLA and the Faculty Advisor. Interested students will submit a short resume and a statement why they would like to participate in this course to the ATLA student chapter. The student chapter will select students to represent our school in the competition, and submit their choices to the faculty advisor, who will have the final approval. The advisor should consider grades, student's statement, possible interviews, as well as the ATLA recommendations to invite the selected students to participate.</p>	<p>Legal Skills I - III</p> <p>Civil Procedure I & II</p> <p>Evidence</p> <p>Permission of Professor & ATLA Student Chapter</p>	3	X	
Moot Court	<p>This course allows students to prepare briefs and appellate oral arguments in various areas of law. Students then present their work in competitions around the country.</p>	<p>Legal Skills I - IV</p> <p>By invitation</p> <p>Permission of Professor</p>	3	X	
Municipal Law	<p>This course will review the principles of law as they relate to municipal government. The course will review the types of municipal government, the power and authority of municipalities, and the origin of such power and authority. The class will explore various authorizations issued by municipalities as well as procedures concerning the means to acquire various licenses, permits and certificates.</p>		3		

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Preliminary Bar Preparation	The first seven classes will cover the multistate portion of the examination. The first class will discuss the structure of the exam and the techniques used to reach the correct answer to questions. Approximately 40 released questions will be discussed to illustrate the various techniques. Each of the next six classes will be devoted to one of the six multistate subjects, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Evidence, Torts and Property. All of the questions in one released multistate examination will be used together with some supplemental questions so that approximately 40 questions will be discussed in each class. The second half of the course will be devoted to the Massachusetts Essay Portion of the exam. Since approximately one half of the essay questions relate to the multistate subjects, the Massachusetts essays on the six multistate subjects will be covered in the first three classes. The fourth Massachusetts class will cover Massachusetts Practice and Federal Jurisdiction. The fifth will cover Wills and Trusts. The sixth will cover Business Associations and Domestic Relations. The last Class will cover Professional Responsibility and the DCC. In addition to the classroom presentation which will cover past bar exam questions, a CD Rom will be provided on the substantive law. Additional multistate and Massachusetts Essay questions will also be provided on CD Rom.	Graduating students have priority in registration	3		
Probate and Juvenile Court Practice	This course introduces students to Family Court practice, including bench trials in both probate and juvenile courts. It will include such topics as divorce and care and protection/termination of parental rights proceedings. Students will have the opportunity to introduce evidence, examine witnesses and frame arguments in motion hearings, and a mock trial.	Legal Ethics Evidence	3	X	
Products Liability	A study of the problems of product-related injury to persons and property. The major concentration will be on liability for injuries caused by defective and dangerous products, with additional consideration of product safety legislation and regulatory alternatives to litigation.	Torts I & II	3		
Property I & II	Starting with the historical evolution of concepts of real and personal property, this course studies the rights and duties of owners and possessors. Also includes evidence of ownership or right to possession, title assurance, commercial and non-commercial transfers of interests in property and the rescission, modification, interpretation and performance of transfer agreements and documents.	Required	5		

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Race and the Law	<p>This course will use popular films to examine various aspects of race relations. Specifically, the course will focus on how people of color and the issues that impact on their lives are portrayed on the silver screen. Participants will be asked to view selected films. They will also read background materials which underscore the themes raised by those films. These readings will be drawn from case law, legal periodicals and nonlegal writings. The goal is to add context and thus gain a clearer understanding of the role race plays in law and society. Topics to be discussed include: urban life/ghetto culture, the criminal justice system, interactions with police, prisons, family, segregation in the military, lynchings, interracial relationships and reparations. Students will be expected to submit a diary or journal each week. The journal should contain their reflections on the films, readings and class discussions. Students also will lead class discussion on particular topics. They will be expected to gather reading materials for the class. Students will work in small groups. At the end of the semester, each student will submit a 10-12 page paper which will be an analysis of the topic that they taught during the semester. Grades will be based upon class participation, the journals, class presentation and the final paper.</p>		3		
Real Estate Transactions	<p>This course examines real estate market practices (including the roles of the principal players: the sellers, the purchaser-investor, the broker, the lawyer, the banker, the builder-contractor, the architect, and government); the legal transaction (negotiations, purchase agreement, contract of sale, deed and mortgage closings); financial aspects (interest, usury, descriptions, discount and points); security documents (mortgages, trust deeds, contracts and leases); techniques of conveyancing (deeds, title searches, abstracts and insurance, marketable title and recording); remedies (legal and equitable for breach and enforcement of performance. Students will draft or review several real estate documents including residential contract of sale, warranty deeds, surveys, title insurance commitments, promissory notes, deeds of trust and title examination.</p>	Property I & II	3		

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Religion and the Law	This course will examine the historical relationship between religion and the law, beginning with the Torah in ancient Israel, and extending throughout the Western world with the advent of Christianity. Special attention will be given to the problem of the relationship between church and state, as well as the public accommodation of religious conscience and practice, as developed in the Supreme Court's jurisprudence of the First Amendment.		3		
Remedies	A study of the remedial and procedural problems arising from requests for specific relief, as opposed to money damages. Topics include injunctive and declaratory relief, the contempt power, and problems on interlocutory relief.	Civil Procedure I & II	3		
Scientific Evidence	The course will cover the admissibility and presentation of expert testimony in both civil and criminal cases; discovery requirements attendant to the use of experts; trial aids including pre-trial motions, witness preparation techniques, cross-examination techniques and ethics considerations; demonstrative evidence including the use of models, charts, photographic evidence and computer technology; types of scientific tests including, alcohol intoxication testing, radar speed detection, documents examiners and handwriting experts, firearms identification, fingerprint identification, trace evidence and DNA testing, accident reconstruction, pathological evidence, drugs and narcotics testing. The course will place an emphasis on psychiatric and other behavioral evidence, including a discussion of various "syndrome defenses." The case study on John Hinkley is an extremely useful monograph on the presentation and use of psychiatric evidence.	Evidence	3		
Secured Transactions	A survey of commercial lending transactions, with particular emphasis on Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.	Commercial Law	4		X
Securities Regulation	A study of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The 1933 Act addresses the registration of securities; the authority, procedures, and practice of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and the civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with applicable regulations. The 1934 Act addresses the regulation of stock exchanges, broker-dealers, tender offers, reporting requirements, proxy regulation, anti-fraud provisions, insider trading, and enforcement of the Act by the SEC and private parties.	Business Organizations	3		X

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Sports Law	This course studies the regulation of amateur and professional sports. It includes an examination of the business background of sports leagues, standard contract forms and contract remedies, antitrust, labor law, collective bargaining and arbitration, negotiation tactics, attorney-client relationships, media relations, rights of privacy and publicity, and impact on and by other industries.		3		
Starting Your Own Law Practice	This course is intended to provide participants with the nuts and bolts of creating a business plan that will enable them to establish a solo or small firm practice. The topics that will be discussed include avoiding problems with the Bar Overseers, malpractice insurance, court appointed counsel lists, practice organization, networking with other attorneys, getting business, accounting for the practice, choosing computer technology, etc. From a broader perspective, managing the practice owner's personal finances will be addressed including repaying student loans, building retirement savings, investment strategies, and health insurance.	Pass/Fail	2		
Statutory Construction	Legislation is the most concrete, direct statement of governmental policy impacting a broad range of legal subjects. For attorneys, legislation is at the center of significant amounts of their work, involving statutory application and interpretation by courts and administrative agencies. Attorneys need to be skilled in locating statutes and related materials, understanding the process and context of law making, as well as developing the analytic skills necessary for statutory interpretation and argument. This course will explore the work of state and federal legislatures with the aim of preparing students for the affect of such legislation on their professional lives and work.		3		X

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Terrorism and the Law	This course will review and explore the relationship between U.S. law and terrorism, the “war on terrorism,” and response to terrorist incidents. We will begin with a definition of terrorism and enumeration of related legal issues. These issues include local, state and federal law and regulatory authorities and executive powers. After achieving a background on the history of these issues and an understanding of current positions, we will explore a number of scenarios, developed from both actual events and hypothetical terrorist attacks, to develop our understanding of the timing, depth, and scope of the legal issues and responses. The course will be interactive, with small groups assigned to focus on particular issues and/or scenarios.		3		
Torts I & II	A study of the civil wrongs arising from breach of duties imposed by law as distinguished from duties created by agreement or contracts, including trespass to personal and real property, conversion, negligence, deceit, injurious falsehood, defamation, malicious prosecution, nuisance, invasion of privacy, false imprisonment, and strict liability.	Required	5		
Trial Practice	This course introduces students to the practice of bench trials and jury litigation. It includes such topics as how to introduce evidence, examine witnesses, and frame arguments. All students participate in videotaped exercises and in a mock trial.	Evidence	3	X	
Trusts & Estates	Survey of law relating to decedents estates, trusts, and future interests. Administration and probate; intestate succession; execution, revocation, revalidation and contest of wills; creation and termination of trusts; charitable trusts; future interests; powers of appointment; perpetuities.	Property I & II Required	4		
Use of DNA Evidence at Trial	The course will focus on the use of DNA evidence in trials, including admissibility, relevance, hearsay, and impeachment, as well as constitutional issues, ethics and informed consent. The course will include a mock trial.	Evidence	3	X	
White Collar Crime	The course presents an in depth study of white collar crime including a survey of federal offenses such as mail fraud, wire fraud, money laundering, racketeering, public corruption, conspiracy and other financial crimes. Additionally, entity liability including corporate criminal liability will be examined with some emphasis on major corporate failures and the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The course will also cover procedural aspects including federal grand jury practice, discovery and privilege.	Criminal Law	3		

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Women, Law and the Legal System	<p>This course examines present day issues concerning women and the law in the context of legal history. Students will study the historical relationship between women and the law by tracing the history and evolution of women's status from Biblical law, through English common law, and to modern Western law. The course also examines modern legal issues, perceived differences in the treatment of women in the legal system, whether women perceive the law differently than men perceive it, as well as the history of women as members of the bar and how women lawyers have affected the law.</p>		3		